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17 April 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : OXCART Flight Test Status: 16 April

1. Aircraft #121 (J-58 engines) aborted a flight prior to take-off due to a right engine (#217) problem involving a reduction in RPM and a rising tailpipe temperature as the throttle was advanced by the pilot above the idle position for take-off. A start of this right engine on the run-up pad following this abort revealed that the start bleed doors did not open as required and rotor speed hung at 2800 RPM with the nozzle in mid-travel. This problem is being investigated by Pratt and Whitney.

2. Aircraft #122 (J-58 engines) had engine #203 removed on 15 April after inspection of the main oil scavenge pump revealed a corrosion area of gears and shaft gear driving reduction shaft and pump.

3. Aircraft #123 (J-75 engines) made flight #68 on 16 April for a duration of two hours and two minutes. The purpose was to conduct an Eastman Kodak V/H sensor test. The flight and landing was normal and routine. The V/H results are being processed.

4. Aircraft #124 (trainer) made flight #60 on 16 April for a duration of one hour and thirty-seven minutes. This was a training flight for two Agency pilots and the first flight for one of them. The new Agency pilot found the cockpit configuration very good and the viewfinder very easy to use. The landing was normal with good drag chute deployment.

5. Aircraft #124 (trainer) made flight #61 on 16 April for a duration of two hours. This was a training flight for two Agency pilots. The autopilot was used on this flight and functioned very well. Instrument procedures were exercised including simulated single engine procedures. The landing was routine with normal drag chute deployment.

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SUBJECT	VEHICLE	DATE	TARGET COUNTRY	APPROVED		ACTION
				BY	DATE	
1 Mission	U-2	May	Manchuria	Special Group -	4 April	No action necessary.
1 Mission	U-2	May or June	North Korea	Special Group -	4 April	No action necessary.
2-3 Missions	U-2	April	Laos/North Viet Nam			

11 April Special Group indicated that these missions should be approved. If missions against the Sino/Indian Border cannot be accomplished a total of three missions will be required for Laos and North Viet Nam. If Sino/Indian missions are run a total of two additional sorties are required for Laos and North Viet Nam. These missions can be accomplished [REDACTED] after the aircraft becomes operationally ready. These proposals have been referred to higher authority for approval.

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RECAPITULATION OF AIR ACTIVITIES, WEEK ENDING 17 APRIL 1963

SUBJECT	VEHICLE	DATE	TARGET COUNTRY	BY	APPROVED DATE	ACTION	
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3 Missions	U-2	April	China Mainland to cover Szechwan Basin, Pao Tou, Missile Test Range and South China, as necessary.	Special Group - 4 April		a. South China requirements in this area remain firm due to [REDACTED] Weather forecast reviewed daily. [REDACTED] canceled 14 April, due to weather deterioration. Mission aircraft placed in periodic inspection with an estimated operationally ready date 22 April. b. Due to the successful completion of [REDACTED] CORONA Mission 9053 requirements for the two remaining missions are being re-evaluated. Missions will be planned when requirements become firm.	25X1 25X1 25X1
4 Missions	U-2	April and May	Sino/Indian Border	Special Group - 4 April		A detachment with one U-2 aircraft and necessary personnel and equipment deployed to Guam. [REDACTED]	

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SUBJECT	VEHICLE	DATE	TARGET COUNTRY	BY	DATE	ACTION
1 Mission	U-2	April	North Viet Nam	Special Group - 4 April		This mission will be accomplished by the detachment from Edwards AFB
1 Mission	U-2	May	Manchuria	Special Group - 4 April		No action necessary.
1 Mission	U-2	May or June	North Korea	Special Group - 4 April		No action necessary.
1 Mission	U-2	April	Laos			11 April Special Group indicated that this mission should be approved. This mission was considered by the Director in conjunction with Sino/Indian Border, Laos, and North Viet Nam. If missions against the Sino/Indian Border cannot be accomplished a total of three missions will be required for Laos and North Viet Nam. If Sino/Indian missions are run a total of two additional sorties are required for Laos and North Viet Nam. These proposals have been referred to higher authority for approval.

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